

REMARKS

This is submitted as a full and complete response to the outstanding election requirement. The Examiner has made a nine-way election requirement, as set forth on Pages 2 and 3 of the Official Letter. The Examiner has further noted that linking Claim 3 links Groups I-VIII, and the allowance of a linking claim, provided all of the non-elected groups contain the limitations of the allowed linking claim, would permit the non-elected claims to be rejoined.

The applicant herewith elects to continue prosecution on the claims of Group VII, namely linking Claim 3, and Claims 4, 21, 22, 27, and 28 drawn to dual-purpose flip-flops and means to support program swap operations and means to support relocation of state data. This election is made without traverse.

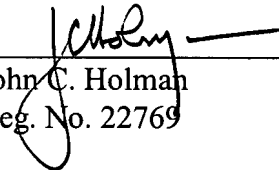
The non-elected claims are retained in this application pending examination and the possible allowance of the linking claim.

Early and favorable action on the merits of the elected claims is courteously awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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